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[First few words missed.] withheld from assassination information in the National Archives in Washington, a pathologist said in the New York Times today. The evidence was withheld apparently by the Kennedy family, according to Dr. Cyril Wecht of Pittsburgh, one of the first critics of the Warren Commission which investigated the November 22nd, 1963 assassination.

A spokesman for the Kennedy family, however, told the Times that all data requested by the Justice Department was given to the Archives.

Wecht said the missing material was necessary to show angles of the bullet wounds which might confirm his theory that at least two snipers had fired at the President's convoy in Dallas. Dr. Wecht describes the bullet and wound.

Wecht [voice]: The bullet is practically in its pristine state. There is some flattening at the bottom one-third. The upper two-thirds show absolutely no deformity. The bullet is unscathed, unmarked, non-mutilated, and very little loss of substance. There are metallic fragments evident in President Kennedy's upper shoulder-neck region, Governor Connally's chest, right wrist and thigh. Then Governor Connally's rib is fractured and his right wrist - one of the two large bones at the right wrist area - is extensively shattered, a comminuted fracture. The bullet simply, in my opinion, could not have inflicted that kind of damage and then emerged without loss of substance and with no marking or deformity.

KCBS: Dr. Wecht is the second private physician to examine the information at the Archives.

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